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SUBJ: GOI VIEW ON WORLD SISAL SHORTAGE

SECSTATE ALSO FOR FAS/USDA

FROM AG ATTACHE

REF: (A) STATE 184505; (B) TOFAS 204

1. THIS CABLE SUPPLEMENTS REF B OF AUGUST 17, 1973.

2. GOI OFFICIALS IN MIN. INDUSTRY AND PRIVATE TRADERS

REPORTEDLY NOT CONCERNED ABOUT ADEQUATE WORLD SUPPLIES OF  
SISAL, WHICH ITALY IMPORTS CHIEFLY FROM BRAZIL (ABOUT 26,000  
METRIC TONS) ALSO AFRICA (ABOUT 6,000 METRIC TONS). PROBLEM  
INSTEAD IS HIGH SELLING PRICE AT ORIGIN WHICH NOW \$135 -  
\$620/METRIC TON DEPENDING ON SISAL FIBER QUALITY. ALSO,  
FREIGHT RATES HAVE CLIMBED FROM \$45/METRIC TON LAST YEAR TO  
\$75 THIS YEAR.

3. GOI HAD NO OPINION REGARDING DURATION SISAL SHORTAGE.

WHILE 70 PERCENT OF BALING IN ITALY DONE WITH  
SISAL TWINE; ITALIAN HARVESTERS FORESEE FURTHER RELIANCE ON  
SYNTHETIC AND WIRE BALING. THUS ITALIANS PROBABLY WILL NOT BE  
CUTTING INTO AVAILABLE WORLD SUPPLY EVEN TO EXTENT OF PREVIOUS  
YEAR.VOLPE

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